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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: NAMIBIA: TALKING POINTS FOR BOTSWANA AND MOZAMBIQUE

REF: USUN 2798

1. TALKING POINTS ON NAMIBIA, RECEIVED HERE NOON TODAY,
ARE BEING CONVEYED BY UK HICOM TURNER TO MINEXTAFF PERMSEC
MPOTOKWANE THIS AFTERNOON ON BEHALF OF THREE RESIDENT CG
MISSIONS. DECISION TO PROCEED IN THIS WAY WAS AGREED UPON
(A) SINCE TURNER HAD APPOINTMENT TO SEE MPOTOKWANE ON OTHER
MATTERS (BEEF); (B) BECAUSE PRESIDENT KHAMA AND V.P. MASIRE
ARE OUT OF THE CITY; AND (C) MINEXTAFF MOGWE IS OUT OF THE
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COUNTRY (KHARTOUM).

2. IN DISCUSSING APPOINTMENT AT MINEXTAFF, TURNER DISCOVERED
THAT THE SUGGESTION FRONTLINE STATES SEND REPRESENTATIVES
TO LUANDA FOR JULY 10-12 MEETING WAS "FIRST THEY HAD HEARD
OF IT". MPOTOKWANE'S REACTION WAS ONE OF CONSIDERABLE DOUBT
THAT GOB COULD ARRANGE TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE, EVEN IF

DECISION WERE MADE TO DO SO. SENIOR PRIVATE SECRETARY LEGWAILA CONFIRMED THIS TO ME INDEPENDENTLY. FYI: HICOM TURNER ADDED CONFIDENTIALLY THAT IN MEETING IN LONDON JULY 5-6 ON OTHER MATTERS, FCO OFFICIALS DISCUSSED INFORMALLY WITH MINEXTAFF MOGWE THE JULY 10-12 MEETING IN LUANDA AND URGED MOGWE TO ATTEND. TURNER SAID HE HAD NO INDICATION THAT MOGWE HAD ASKED GOB TO APPROVE TRIP TO LUANDA; MPOTOKWANE REPORTED NO COMMUNICATION FROM MOGWE. END FYI.

3. COMMENT: DESPITE THE VISIT JULY 3 OF NYERERE EMISSARY, NYAKYI, THERE WAS APPARENTLY NO REPEAT NO INVITATION TO GOB TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO LUANDA. GIVEN GOB'S FIRM POSITION IN FAVOR OF PROPOSAL (E.G., AS REFLECTED IN V.P. MASIRE'S TALK WITH GENSCHER, (BONN 12398), BOTSWANA'S ABSENCE IS REGRETTABLE. SINCE JULY 10 AND 11 ARE HOLIDAYS HERE (ON THE OCCASION OF PRESIDENT'S DAY), IT IS NOW UNREALISTIC TO EXPECT GOB REPRESENTATION AT LUANDA.
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